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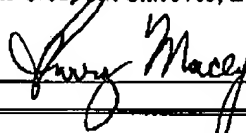
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Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs)
 2. Substitute Form 1449A (1 pg) and a copy of the cited reference
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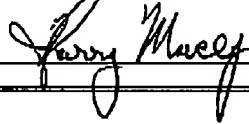
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) listed on the attached Substitute Form 1449A. A copy of the PCT transmittal sheet for the IPER, which is directed to the counterpart International PCT application, also is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make the document of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Substitute Form 1449A, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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